

PUBLIC HEARING Ordinance Amendment AGENDA
TOWNSHIP OF BUFFALO TOWN HALL
May 16th, 2022 6:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Scott Kempley- Chairman will explain the procedure for the Public Hearing. Anyone interested in speaking after stating their full name with spelling, will be given 1 opportunity for a 2 minute period to come to the microphone and direct their questions to the board. There will be no debate on the floor.

- 1. The Chairman will Open the Public Hearing for the Town of Buffalo regarding revision of the Cemetery Ordinance with changes as follows:**

SECTION 9 – GREEN BURIALS

A. Green Burials may only occur in the Oak Lawn Cemetery, and only in designated lots or within a section or sections reserved by the Town Board for green burials.

B. Embalming: Embalming is not allowed. Funeral directors and morticians must be instructed not to use embalming fluids, but rather to use alternatives such as essential oils, refrigeration, dry ice, or closed caskets.

C. Outer burial containers and liners: Vaults and similar outer containers are inconsistent with green burial and are not permitted.

D. Biodegradable containers and coverings: All burials shall be made in biodegradable containers such as shrouds, blankets, bare wood caskets, urns, and cremain grade cardboard boxes. Caskets cannot be made with metal or precious woods. Containers shall be of sufficient strength to support the weight of an adult body.

E. Cremation Remains: Cremation remains and remains from the procedure of alkaline hydrolysis are acceptable only if securely contained in a biodegradable urn or other container.

F. All green graves shall be dug to a standard depth of 3.5 feet. Family members of the deceased person shall be allowed to hand-dig the grave, if they choose to do so.

G. Designated green cemetery lots or sections may be mowed with the same frequency as the adjoining conventional burial section(s), or left to be naturalized, at the Board's discretion.

SECTION 10 – RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. No person shall plant shrubs, bushes or trees. See WI Stats 157.11.
- B. No person shall landscape any lot or lots.
- C. No person shall mark, paint, deface or otherwise mutilate any property in the cemetery.
- D. Dogs are permitted in the cemetery only when confined in a vehicle or if the dog is a service animal accompanying a person with sight-impairment or other disability while in the cemetery. All other pets or domestic animals are prohibited without written consent of the town board or the town clerk.
- E. Potted plants and/or artificial flowers, wreaths or crosses may be placed in the cemetery in an area not to exceed the length of the monument/marker and not to exceed twelve inches in width. All plastic flowers and pots, metal racks, fabric ribbons and decorations and other non-biodegradable materials used in memorials must be removed from the premises no later than October 31 of each year. No such items may be discarded over the fences. The Town reserves the right to remove any and all memorials and other materials without notice at any time.
- F. Only one casket is allowed per individual plot.
- G. A limit of two (2) cremation urns is allowed per individual lot.
- H. All rules, regulations and prices are subject to change at any time without notice. The Town Board may establish forfeitures, cost reimbursements, or other sanctions for violation of these Rules and Regulations.

2. The Board will listen to the public comments.
3. The Board will make decision regarding proposed revision.
4. Adjourn Public Hearing

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